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July 2nd

Millions are still without power this morning after massive storms on Friday and a weekend of record-setting, triple-digit heat left at least 16 people dead. Mid-atlantic authorities are urging patience as utilities scramble to restore electricity - and much needed air conditioning. Ohio, Virginia and Maryland all described damage to their power grids as catastrophic, and officials warn repairs could take up to a week in some areas.

With creep-o Jerry Sandusky behind bars, attention now turns to a set of e-mails which reportedly indicate that former university officials Graham Spanier, Gary Shultz and Tim Curley knew about Sandusky's infamous 2001 shower incident, but decided to handle it using a, quote, "humane" approach. In other words, they covered it up. Schultz and Curley are currently charged with perjury.

July 3rd

It could be Sunday before a million people can power back up!
At least 19 people are dead from storms fueled in part by the heat. More than 1.7 million are still in the dark in ten states and D.C. Shopping malls are turning into cooling centers and power stations for people desperate for A/C and an outlet to charge their laptop! The power outages are also causing major traffic headaches and safety concerns

YOU'VE BEEN BUSTING YOUR BUTT AT WORK AND YOU FEEL LIKE ITS TIME TO ASK FOR A RAISE.

BUT WHAT DO YOU DO?

SEND THEM AN EMAIL?

MENTION IT IN WATER COOLER CONVERSATION?

WELL YOU CAN STOP STRESSING.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST WAYS TO ASK FOR A RAISE IN TODAY'S HEAD DRAMA.

BUT FIRST HERE'S THE QUESTION OF THE DAY

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE NERVE TO ASK YOUR BOSS FOR A RAISE?

ALRIGHT SO BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO ASK YOUR BOSS FOR MORE MONEY...HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

SCHEDULING TIME TO TALK WILL GET YOU MORE ATTENTION.

AND WHEN THEY ASK WHAT YOU WANT TO MEET ABOUT, DON'T MENTION A RAISE RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
SAY YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR JOB PERFORMANCE.

COME PREPARED.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A LIST OF EXAMPLES THAT PROVE YOU'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND.

AND DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS.

IF YOU DO..SO WILL YOUR BOSS....AND YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCIDENTALLY HAND THAT RAISE OFF TO SOMEONE ELSE.

BE REASONABLE.

WE ALL KNOW THAT THE ECONOMY ISN'T EXACTLY ON THE UP AND UP...SO EMPLOYERS ARE HAVING TO MAKE BUDGET CUTS.

SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

WE'D ALL LIKE TO MAKE THOUSANDS MORE A YEAR...BUT MAKE SURE YOUR REQUEST IS FAIR.

July 4th

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OUR NATION'S 236TH BIRTHDAY BUT DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE FUN? THIS IS HOW YOU can DO IT.

SEND A big THANK you TO OUR TROOPS DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM ABROAD.... GO TO U-S-O-DOT-ORG TO LEAVE YOUR MESSAGE AND BE INSPIRED BY OTHER MESSAGES OF gratitude.

ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS....

VISIT OLD NAVY and donate EVERYDAY ITEMS that WILL BE PACKAGED AND SENT TO AFGHANISTAN. IN EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS WILL GET 10-PERCENT OFF THEIR ENTIRE PURCHASE IN-STORE THAT DAY. THAT DEAL ENDS TOMORROW.

AND HERE'S ANOTHER CAUSE you can support today.

HELP END CHILD TRAFFICKING BY JOINING THE "FORSAKEN GENERATION'S" FIRST "FREEDOM WALK" to RAISE AWARENESS.

You'll find walking zones IN FLORIDA, GEORGIA, UTAH, DENVER, NEW YORK, COLORADO, MARYLAND, AND CALIFORNIA!

July 5th

Nearly 700-thousand American households are still without power this morning.

And states from South Dakota through Kentucky are again under extreme heat advisories with another round of triple digit temps in some areas today. Food supplies are dangerously low in states like West Virginia, where officials have praised relief efforts by FEMA.

AND now for some news from the apple RUMOR MILL.

word has it a SMALLER, LESS EXPENSIVE I-PAD IS ON THE WAY.

*ON WEDNESDAY, BLOOMBERG news said "TWO PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLANS" confirmed APPLE WILL RELEASE A SMALLER IPAD BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

*the new smaller ipad will be a SEVEN OR EIGHT INCH VERSION OF THE TABLET... THE CURRENT MODEL is approximately 10-INCH SCREEN DIAGONALLY

*it WILL NOT HAVE THE HIGH-DEF "RETINA DISPLAY" SCREEN the NEW IPAD sports.

*SAME THICKNESS OF I-PAD 2

*COST TO BE AROUND \$250-\$300

*TO BE RELEASED before the end of the year

July 6th

Attention all windows users... You could get *kicked off* of the Internet Monday! Get ready to feel isolated from the rest of the cyber world when malware is expected to hold your internet hostage! The f-b-i says A sophisticated online fraud scheme infected more than four million computers in more than 100 countries. it will redirect them to sites that allow the scammers to be paid for every click and visit

The question for George Zimmerman this morning is whether he can come up with both the cash and the collateral.

Judge Kenneth Lester Jr. - who'd revoked his initial bail after he and his wife Shellie hid donations they'd received - set his new bail at \$1 million. Zimmerman would only have to post 10% to meet the requirement for bail, but also find a bail bond company willing to work with him on the requirement of \$1 million in collateral -- an amount Zimmerman's attorney Mark O'Mara says they do "not have anywhere near."

July 9th

President Obama will call for a one-year extension on some of the Bush tax cuts. The extension applies to families earning less than 250-grand a year. Republicans in congress aren't so enthusiastic because they want the tax cuts to be permanent. Obama has made what he calls "tax fairness" a key feature of his campaign for re-election on November 6th. Experts warn the impact of rising taxes and lower federal spending could tip the economy back into recession.

WE ALL KNOW HOW CRAZY the economy has been and how it's AFFECTED HOME OWNERSHIP
MANY OF YOU MAY BE CONSIDERING RE WORKING YOUR HOME LOAN
BUT BEFORE YOU re-fi...HERE ARE SOME COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID THAT COULD COST YOU YOUR title.
TAKING BAD ADVICE.
WHEN YOU'RE IN THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE TO KEEP YOUR HOME IT USUALLY PUTS YOU IN A DESPERATE PLACE.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEAN WELL BUT THEY ARE RARELY EXPERTS.. SO MAKE SURE YOU'RE ASKING THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT INFORMATION.
NOT INVESTIGATING.
IF YOU DO APPLY FOR A LOAN AND ARE REJECTED...FIND OUT WHY,
THE WAY LOAN APPLICATIONS ARE FLYING IN THESE DAYS...MANY BUSINESS MAKE MISTAKES AND ERRORS.
SO DOUBLE CHECK THEIR REASONING.
NOT KNOWING YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENSES.
THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE.
IF YOU DON'T have a handle of what's going in and out of your bank account regarding your mortgage...THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOU'LL BE IN OVER YOUR HEAD IF YOU try to refinance

July 10th

With the uprise of online dating, it seems as though cruising for a date has become a lost art. Today, we're bringing it back and hooking you up with some places you can troll for a date!

- go on a scavenger hunt
- take a class
- try ballroom dancing

THE U-S HAS EXPERIENCED THE HOTTEST TWELVE MONTHS ON RECORD SINCE EXPERTS STARTED KEEPING TRACK IN 18-95!

MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND RECORD HIGH TEMPS WERE EITHER MET OR BROKEN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY! IN THE LAST HALF OF JUNE, 170 ALL-TIME TEMPERATURE RECORDS WERE MATCHED OR SMASHED IN CITIES ACROSS THE LOWER 48 STATES. THE CLIMATE EXTREMES COMMITTEE IS REVIEWING THE 113-DEGREE TEMPS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND 112-DEGREE HEAT IN GEORGIA AS ALL-TIME RECORD SETTERS IN THOSE TWO STATES

July 11th

HERE WE GO AGAIN. THE HOUSE PLANS TO VOTE TODAY... TO REPEAL OBAMA'S HEALTHCARE LAW. THE VOTE WILL BE THE LATEST OF MORE THAN 30- HOUSE G-O-P EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE AFFORDABLE-CARE- ACT. IF THE VOTE PASSES, IT WILL SURELY BE DEFEATED, IN THE DEMOCRATIC-LED SENATE. THAT HAS NOT STOPPED POLITICIANS FROM BUSTING OUT POP CULTURE WHILE TALKING ABOUT IT THOUGH. DEMOCRATS HAVE LIKENED THE VOTE TO-
GROUNDHOG DAY AND ONE REP SAID THE G-O-P'S OBSESSION IS LIKE- FATAL ATTRACTION. TO WHICH A REPUBLICAN RESPONDED, OBAMA IS LIKE "BOSS HOG." YES, YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!

ONE DAY SOON, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO UPLOAD VACATION PHOTOS, CHANGE YOUR STATUS UPDATE AND DO YOUR BANKING ALL ON FACEBOOK.

A NEW APPLICATION IS EXPECTED TO LAUNCH SOMETIME THIS YEAR TO CUSTOMERS.

July 12th

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN...BUT LET'S BE HONEST...PLANNING A WEDDING CAN BE DOWN RIGHT STRESSFUL!

MERGING FAMILIES...FINDING THE DRESS..MEETING THE BUDGET!

IF YOU NEED HELP STAYING UNDER YOUR BUDGET HERE ARE A FEW FRUGAL TIPS
AVOID THE CROWDS.

MAY THROUGH OCTOBER ARE THE MOST POPULAR TIME OF YEAR FOR WEDDINGS
MEANING CATERERS AND RECEPTION HALLS HIKE THE PRICE.

SO OPT FOR SLOWER MONTHS LIKE JANUARY...MARCH...OR NOVEMBER.

SET SMART PRIORITIES

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A BUDGET CRUNCH...REMEMBER TO SPEND MONEY ON THINGS THAT WILL REALLY LAST.

LIKE A GREAT PHOTOGRAPHER...AND FLOWERS THAT ARE IN SEASON.

THINK OUTSIDE THE (DRESS) BOX

BUYING A WEDDING DRESS FROM A FANCY BOUTIQUE CAN REALLY BREAK THE BANK
TRY SHOPPING FOR YOUR DAY-OF-DRESS AT A PROM SHOP.

OR SEE IF A FAMILY MEMBER HAS A NICE DRESS YOU CAN TAILOR TO YOUR STYLE

July 13th

IF YOU HAVE A YAHOO ACCOUNT, CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD!

HACKERS HAVE POSTED ONLINE WHAT THEY SAY IS LOGIN INFORMATION FOR MORE THAN 450 THOUSAND YAHOO USERS.

-THE HACK, WHICH OF COURSE WAS CONDUCTED ANONYMOUSLY, WAS MEANT TO BE A WARNING, ACCORDING TO THE WEB PAGE WHERE THE DOCUMENTS WERE DUMPED.

-"WE HOPE THAT THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE SECURITY OF THIS SUBDOMAIN WILL TAKE THIS AS A WAKE-UP CALL, AND NOT AS A THREAT," A NOTE ON THE PAGE SAID. "THERE HAVE BEEN MANY

security holes exploited in Web servers belonging to Yahoo! Inc. that have caused far greater damage than our disclosure. Please do not take them lightly."

-Hack impacted users of Yahoo Voices, a Web news product

-Sequential lists of numbers, like "12345," were used 2,295 times, and "password" was used 780 times, out of the 450,000 passwords.

THE U-S OLYMPIC ATHLETES WILL BE SPORTING RALPH LAUREN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE UNIFORMS BUT DON'T BE FOOLED BECAUSE THEY WERE ACTUALLY MANUFACTURED IN CHINA... AND THAT HAS CAPITOL HILL OUTRAGED.

July 16th

One of america's most wanted was finally caught in mexico after 24 years on the run!

Vincent Legrend Walters was busted friday working under the alias "oscar rivera" at the cancon international airport!

Walters had been selling time-share vacation packages at an information booth in the airport for the last decade. The 45 year old has been on the u-s marshalls "most wanted" list for the murder and kidnapping of a woman in san diego during a drug deal gone bad back in 19-88

Looks like Ford can't escape a recall mess.

More than 10-thousand 20-13 Escape S-U-V's are being recalled to fix carpeting that could inhibit braking. Ford says the poorly positioned carpet padding could reduce space around the pedals and cause drivers to hit the side of the brake pedal when switching from the accelerator. Dealers will remove the padding at no charge starting next week. There's more info on our site.

July 17th

THE F-D-A approved a drug yesterday that could reduce the risk of contracting H-I-V, the virus that causes AIDS. The pill called Truvada has been shown to cut transmission of the virus that causes AIDS by up to 75 percent. Some fear its approval could encourage unprotected sex. Patients must be tested for h-i-v before getting a prescription.

July 18th

THE WHITE HOUSE WILL LAYOUT A NEW ONE-BILLION DOLLAR PLAN FOR AN ELITE GROUP OF MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS TODAY
TEACHERS SELECTED FOR THE "MASTER TEACHERS CORP" WILL BANK AN EXTRA 20-GRAND A YEAR AND MUST COMMIT TO A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT.
PRESIDENT OBAMA HOPES THE PLAN WILL extend EXPERT KNOWLEDGE TO OTHER TEACHERS.

100-MILLION BUCKs IS ON DECK TO GET IT STARTED BUT THE REST WILL COME FROM NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

July 19th

LL THOSE SUMMER ACTIVITIES CAN cost you some serious cash. Especially when it comes to vacays and utility bills.

So... HERE ARE SOME COOL WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER.

THE STAYCATION.

DITCH THE ROAD TRIPS... EXPENSIVE FLIGHTS AND HOTELS.

TAKE YOUR VACATION from work...AND but JUST RELAX AT HOME instead.

Vacation in the comfort of your own home!

Watch a movie at home.

BEFORE YOU drop a week's worth of pay for tickets and a bucket of POPCORN...TRY A checking out a new release FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY. OR hit up A RED BOX!

Total cost for a night in at the movies WITH Store bought soda and snacks WILL COST YOU less than TEN BUCKS.

JUST ADD WATER

FORGET THE WATER PARK AND GET WET AND WILD AT HOME.

HAVE FUN IN YOUR POOL OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD POOL INSTEAD.

July 20th

BREAKING NEWS THIS MORNING... THERE'S BEEN A MASS SHOOTING AT A premier showing of DARK KNIGHT RISES IN COLORADO.

WORD IS AT LEAST 14 PEOPLE ARE DEAD IN AURORA... And AS MANY AS 50 HAVE BEEN HURT.

A SUSPECT IN HIS 20'S WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...

COPS SAY HE THREW TEAR GAS BEFORE "APPEARING" IN A THEATER, and then began FIRing SHOTS INTO the CROWD WATCHING THE FILM.

HE WAS CAUGHT BEHIND THE BACK of the THEATER near HIS CAR.

WITNESSES SAY THERE WAS A LOT OF CONFUSION, BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THE GUNSHOTS WERE COMING FROM THE FILM...

WE'LL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS AS IT DEVELOPS.

July 23rd

The guman in Colorado's deadly "dark knight" shooting will be in court this morning! and Based on evidence in his booby trapped apartment -- investigators believe james holmes was planning the massacre for months."suspect a" as people in colorado are calling him... was dressed in body armor and toting three guns when he opened fire at a packed midnight screening of the Batman movie Friday.The casualties numbered 12 but could have been ten times that if one of his weapons hadn't jammed. Fifty-eight people were wounded in the shooting.. Dozens are still in the hospital. President obama attended vigils for the victims in colorado yesterday.

WE ARE HAVING THE WORST DROUGHT IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THE DUST BOWL IN 1956. THERE ARE A LOT OF CONCERNS WITH THE DRY WEATHER CONDITION -- ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO CIGARETTES. SOME LAW AUTHORITIES ACROSS THE NATION ARE NOW CONSIDERING THEM AS "WEAPONS." ESPECIALLY IN ILLINOIS AND INDIANA -- KEEPING AN EYE ON CIGARETTE DISPOSAL" ZERO

- Indiana's heavy enforcement on discarded cigarettes --> "zero tolerance" stance on cigarettes thrown from car windows.

- ASKING everyone to be sensitive to the drought conditions when depositing lit cigarettes.

- IMPROPER CIGARETTE DISPOSAL FINE - UP TO 1,500

- BUT IF DRIVERS THROW A LIT CIGARETTE, CAGAR, MATCH OR OTHER BURNING MATERIAL FROM A MOVING VEHICLE -- FINE UP TO 10K.

- DROUGHT ALERT IN ILLIOIS

- About 80 percent of Indiana is listed in severe drought

July 24th

check your freezer! 30-THOUSAND pounds of ground beef have been recalled! The u-s-d-a announced an immediate recall of cargill ground beef because it might be contaminated by salmonella. The recall follows a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella involving 33 patients from seven states. Consumers can use cargill's website or call the company's toll-free number for more recall info. We'll link you up on our website dailybuzznation-dot-com

July 25th

BEFORE YOU GO CHAT IT UP ON SKYPE KNOW THIS.... BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING.

THE SERVICE RECENTLY MADE CHANGES TO HOW IT ROUTES CALLS AND HACKERS AND BLOGGERS ARE SOUNDING OFF SAYING THE NEW CHANGES MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SPY ON YOU.

*THE NEWS HAS PEOPLE WORRIES THE COMPANY COULD 'WIRETAP' VIDEO CALLS AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

*MICROSOFT IS SUPPOSEDLY RE-ENGINEERING THIRD PARTY COMPUTERS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR COPS TO MONITOR CALLS BY ALLOWING THE COMPUTERS TO ROUTE THE VOICE DATA OF THE CALLS

*CHANGES WERE MADE BECAUSE PREVIOUSLY SKYPE'S COMPLEX PEER-TO-PEER NETWORK CONNECTIONS MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR COPS TO WIRETAP SPECIFIC USERS.

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT/LAW ENFORCEMENT BE ALLOWED TO MONITOR OUR SKYPING?

July 26th

TRESSED OVER THE 1ST AND 15TH NOT GETTING HERE QUICK ENOUGH?? YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

CONSUMER REPORT SAYS THAT TWO OUT OF FIVE PEOPLE LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK....

AS A MATTER OF FACT

43% OF AMERICANS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SAVED UP FOR A FINANCIAL EMERGENCY.

"bottom line".... 127.5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE ONE MISHAP AWAY FROM JOINING THE RANKS OF THE 46 MILLION AMERICANS LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

ONE OF THE CLEVELAND BRIDGE BOMBERS IS ASKING THE JUDGE FOR SOME SLACK IN EXCHANGE FOR RATTIN' ON HIS BUDDIES.

THE PLAIN DEALER SAYS 35-YEAR-OLD ANTHONY HAYNE PLEADED GUILTY YESTERDAY FOR PLANTING WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE A DUD BOMB ON A CLEVELAND BRIDGE. HE'S AGREED TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE FOUR GUYS WHO SUPPOSEDLY HAD A HAND IN THE CRIME.

July 27th

FACEBOOK'S STOCK IS STILL JACKED UP THIS MORNING THANKS TO LESS THAN STELLAR FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS.

A NEW REPORT SAYS ITS STOCK TOOK A NET LOSS OF 157-MILLION BUCKS BETWEEN APRIL TO JUNE...

INVESTORS JUMPED SHIP AFTER YESTERDAY'S REPORT... DRIVING STOCK PRICES DOWN TO ABOUT 26-BUCKS A SHARE.

THAT'S ABOUT 40-PERCENT LESS THAN IT'S FIRST PUBLIC OFFERING OF 38-bucks.

FACEBOOK'S REVENUE STILL TOPPED ONE-BILLION BUCKS DESPITE THE LOSS.

BAD NEWS PARENTS... EBAY WANTS TO INVITE YOUR KIDS TO SHOP ITS WEBSITE.

THE SITE IS AIMING TO OFFER MINORS THE OPTION OF OPENING UP THEIR OWN ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE NEXT NINE MONTHS.

July 30th

UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK... OR FORGOT... OR *TRIED TO FORGET... THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE 30TH SUMMER OLYMPICS IS GOING TO HAPPEN LATER TODAY. AND CHECK THIS OUT! 10-THOUSAND PERFORMERS... 70 SHEEP... 12 HORSES... TEN CHICKENS... THREE COWS... AND TWO GOATS WILL ENTERTAIN A CROWD OF 80-THOUSAND IN THE STANDS OF OLYMPIC STADIUM IN LONDON. THAT'S NOT INCLUDING THE MORE THAN 1 BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD THAT ARE EXPECTED TO TUNE IN TO THE BOOB TUBE TO WATCH.

July 31st

TURNING TO POLITICS... OPEN MOUTH INSERT FOOT SEEMS TO BE THE THEME FOR OUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THIS WEEK.

MITT ROMNEY owns the latest "oh no he didn't" statement. While IN ISREAL trying to VOICE his STAUNCH SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTRY.... He MANAGED TO PISS OFF THE PALESTINIANS, SAYING ISRAEL HAS PROSPERED MORE because of their SUPERIOR "CULTURE." PALESTINIANS CALL IT BIGOTRY. THIS COMES ON THE HEELS OF ROMNEY ticking off THE BRITS BY SAYING THEY WEREN'T READY to host THE OLYMPICS!

August 1st

LADIES... GOOD NEWS FOR 47 MILLION OF US.

STARTING TODAY... ALL NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 8 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH BENEFITS TO WOMEN... FOR [FREE.IT'S](#) PART OF OBAMACARE. HERE'S WHAT IT INCLUDES:

BIRTH CONTROL

BREAST FEEDING SUPPLIES

SCREENINGS FOR GESTATIONAL DIABETES... S-T-D's... AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ROUTINE CHECKS-UPS FOR BREAST & PELVIC EXAMS

PAP TESTS

PRENATAL CARE

NOT EVERYONE WHO HAS HEALTH INSURANCE IS COVERED UNDER THIS.SO BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR JOB.

August 2nd

THIS DROUGHT WE'RE IN JUST CONTINUES TO GET WORSE AND WORSE. 220 COUNTIES... THAT'S MORE THAN HALF OF OUR COUNTRY... Are now DESIGNATED DISASTER ZONES.

AND FARMERS WITH CROPS... MAINLY CORN AND SOYBEAN... ARE THE ONES FEELING THE burn.

IT IS SO DRY DOWN BENEATH, BEING 14 INCHES BEHIND MEANS WE NEED 14 INCHES OF RAIN TO GET BACK TO NORMAL.

CROP INSURERS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE FARMERS FACING CASH-FLOW ISSUES A PENALTY-FREE, 30-DAY GRACE PERIOD ON PREMIUMS THIS YEAR - which will help us out at the grocery store!

Forbes is out with their list of top colleges for this year and we've got it. PRINCETON UNIVERISTY TOPS THE CHART.

-HIGH CAREER SUCCESS RATES AND LOW DEBT

-TUITION: 54-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR

2. WILLIAMS COLLEGE

- LOW LEVEL OF STUDENTS DEFAULTING ON THEIR DEBT.

3. STANFORD UNIVERSITY

- 3RD HIGHEST GRADUATE PAY

4. University of Chicago

5. Yale University

6. Harvard University

7. United States Military Academy - TUITION FREE

8. Columbia University

9. Pomona College

10. Swarthmore College

August 3rd

AND SPEAKING OF OLYMPICS... MICHAEL PHELPS ADDS ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL TO HIS TROPHY CASE.

PHELPS BEAT OUT HOTTIE, RYAN LOCHTE... WHICH GAVE HIM HIS FIRST *INDIVIDUAL GOLD OF THE LONDON GAMES.

He's also the first MALE SWIMMER TO WIN THE SAME INDIVIDUAL EVENT IN 3 STRAIGHT OLYMPICS.

AND THE FLYING SQUIRREL... AKA GABBY DOUGLAS... BECOMES THE THIRD STRAIGHT AMERICAN TO WIN GYMNASTICS BIGGEST PRIZE... AND THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO WIN THE ALL-AROUND [TITLE.IT](#)'S the 16-year old's SECOND GOLD OF THE games.

STORIES OF SUMMER MEMORIES ARE GREAT BUT, OF COURSE, PHOTOS ARE BEST - AND WE'RE NOT TALKIN' ABOUT YOU "INSTAGRAM-AHOLICS..." FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ACTUALLY USE A CAMERA RESPONSIBLY - WE'VE GOT SEVEN TIPS TO GREAT SUMMER PICS IN TODAY'S GAL TIME.

FIRST: GET OUT THERE AND SHOOT!
SECOND TIP: EMBRACE EDITING...
ALSO, CHECK YOUR LIGHTING...
NEXT, USE YOUR SCENE SETTINGS.
TRY TO SNAP CANDID SHOTS...
ALSO, TRY TO TELL A STORY.
FINALLY, ORGANIZE AND SHARE IT.

August 6th

HERE'S SOME EXCITING NEWS... CURIOSITY... A NASA ROVER THE SIZE OF AN S-U-V LANDED ON MARS JUST HOURS AGO!
THAT WAS MISSION CONTROL AT THE JET PROPULSION LAB IN CALIFORNIA WHERE THE ROVER IS BEING CONTROLLED. IT LANDED AT 1:30 THIS MORNING EASTERN TIME. CURIOSITY WILL EXPLORE THE RED PLANET AND FIGURE OUT IF MARS EVER HAD AN ENVIRONMENT THAT COULD SUSTAIN LIFE. CURIOSITY LAUNCHED FROM EARTH NOVEMBER 26TH... AND TRAVELED ABOUT 352 MILLION MILES.

IF YOU'VE GOT MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET... YOU MIGHT WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS STORY.
U.S. STOCKS COULD HAVE A CHOPPY WEEK.
THAT'S BECAUSE INVESTORS ARE LOOKING TO A STRING OF ECONOMIC REPORTS FOR ANY SIGNS OF SLOWING GROWTH THAT MIGHT SPUR THE FED TO TAKE ACTION. THE FED LEFT ITS ECONOMIC POLICIES UNCHANGED LAST WEEK... BUT INDICATED THAT OUR ECONOMY IS SLOWING AND MORE ACTION COULD BE IN THE CARDS SOON.

August 7th

WELL, HOW YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?!
APPLE STOCKS ARE CLOSING IN ON THEIR ALL-TIME HIGH... AGAIN... DESPITE GETTING SLAMMED RECENTLY. SHARES OF APPLE WERE AT 625 BUCKS YESTERDAY... About 19 bucks off it's record set LAST APRIL. All that CHATTER ABOUT THE I-PHONE 5's release is at "the core" of the rise!

When it comes to taking a vacation, lots of people have been sticking close to home. budget travel just released their list of places every american should see in america, and of course we have it for you to maybe help spark a few vacation ideas.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

- IN WYOMING
- AMERICA'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

CALIFORNIA'S HIGHWAY 1

- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FROM SANTA BARBARA TOWARD SAN FRANCISCO
- 100-MILE STRETCH OF CALIFORNIA'S PACIFIC HIGHWAY 1

OTHER MUST-SEE PLACES

- TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK CITY
- GRAND CANYON, AZ
- SOUTH BEACH, FL

- GETTYSBURG NAT'L MILITARY PARK

August 8th

IF YOU PLAN ON GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL IN CALI... YOU BETTER BRING ALONG A LITTLE EXTRA CASH.

GAS PRICES COULD SURGE AT LEAST 35 CENTS A GALLON THIS WEEK... PUSHING GAS PRICES UP OVER THE 4 DOLLAR A GALLON MARK. THAT'S BECAUSE OF THAT CHEVRON REFINERY FIRE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA THAT BROKE OUT MONDAY AFTERNOON. THAT REFINERY ALONE PRODUCES 16-PERCENT OF THAT AREA'S DAILY GASOLINE USE.

August 9th

TURNING TO POLITICS... PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS WASHING ITS HANDS OF AN INDEPENDENT GROUP'S AD EFFECTIVELY BLAMING MITT ROMNEY FOR THE DEATH OF A LAID-OFF STEELWORKER'S WIFE FROM CANCER.

THEY SAY THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS GUY'S STORY. BUT HERE'S THE PROBLEM: THIS GUY TOLD THEM THE SAME SCHPEEL IN A CONFERENCE CALL IN MAY. ROMNEY'S CAMPAIGN SPOKESPERSON RESPONDED... SAYING OBAMA AND HIS CAMPAIGN ARE WILLING TO SAY AND DO ANYTHING TO HIDE THE PRESIDENT'S DISAPPOINTING RECORD.

August 10th

The aurora shooter's legal eagles are LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN INSANITY PLEA.

JAMES HOLMES' LAWYER TOLD THE JUDGE YESTERDAY HIS CLIENT IS MENTALLY ILL... THAT HE TRIED TO GET HELP BEFORE THE SHOOTINGS... AND COMPLAINED PROSECUTORS HAVEN'T TURNED OVER ENOUGH INFO TO PROPERLY ASSESS THE DEPTH OF holmes' craziness. The MEDIA is also fighting TO GET SEALED DOCUMENTS released!

Whether you are on the beach, by the pool, or chillin' on the couch, there's nothing better than a good book to add to your relaxation, so today we are showing you some the the summer's hottest reads.

If you like entertainment and drama, "the next best thing" by jennifer weiner might be for you.

If thrillers are more your style, you can try "night watch" by linda fairstein.

Finally , there's the futuristic novel, "the age of miracles" by karen thompson walker.

August 13th

GAS PRICES SAW THEIR BIGGEST JUMP OF THE YEAR!

THEY'VE JUMPED 18 CENTS OVER THE PAST 2 WEEKS ALONE.

THE AVERAGE COST OF A GALLON OF REGULAR IS 3 DOLLARS 69 CENTS NATIONWIDE.

THAT'S 8 CENTS HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO... BUT STILL 28 CENTS LOWER THAN WHAT IT WAS IN APRIL.

THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICE WAS IN CHICAGO.

THE LOWEST?! TUCSON, ARIZONA

CRUDE OIL PRICES, THE DROUGHT, AND REFINERY PROBLEMS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PRICE HIKE.

WHEN YOU PAY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS for a hotel room, THE LAST THING YOU WANT TO DO IS TO PAY FOR EXPENSIVE HOTEL WI-FI. BUT DON'T WORRY. TODAY WE'RE SHARING SOME TRICKS ON HOW TO AVOID PAYING FOR HOTEL WI-FI ACCESS.

#1. TETHER YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.

- TETHER YOUR 3G OR 4G CONNECTION FROM YOUR SMART-PHONE TO YOUR COMPUTER.

#2. CHECK THE LOBBY

- HOTELS CHARGE YOU FOR WI-FI ACCESS IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM. BUT FREE WI-FI IN THE LOBBY.

#3. FIND NEARBY CONNECTIVITY

- USE SOFTWARE AND APP FOR FINDING AND CONNECTING TO WIRELESS NETWORKS.

August 14th

COLLEGE COMMUNITY TRYING TO COME TO GRIPS with a deadly NEAR campus shoot-out.

The SCARY EVENTS near TEXAS A-AND-M university.... captured BY A CELL PHONE.... Started when a county officer tried to serve 35-year old Thomas Caffall eviction papers. The crazy bird opened fire, killing the officer. A 43-year old bystander was also killed in the cross-fire and cops eventually killed the gunman! Four others were hurt, including a cop and a MOTHER HELPING HER DAUGHTER MOVE.

We live in an age where everything is replaceable. Vacuum broke, buy a new one...

Something is really dirty, throw it out.

but why not try and recycle a few things to use for something else.

KETCHUP BOTTLE AS PANCAKE BATTER DISPENSER

CONTACT LENS CASE FOR MEDS

STICKY NOTES

August 15th

They may not be life threatening but boy are they annoying. We're little body problems and their fixes. First up, water logged ears can leave you feeling like this...

It happens when water makes its way into the ear canal. So how do you fix it?

Fix: tilt your head to the side and see if the water comes out. If not, you can try a hair dryer on a gentle setting to dry it up.

Hiccups happen when your diaphragm is contracting involuntarily.

Holding your breath or drinking a glass of water should help. If not, wait a few minutes and it should stop. If they go on for a few hours you may want to head to the doctor.

Finally the old charlie horse. caused by dehydration or low potassium levels.

Fix: eat foods with more potassium like bananas and avacados and make sure you stay hydrated.

August 16th

ROMNEY IS ACCUSING OBAMA OF INCLUDING HATRED IN HIS CAMPAIGN... BUT MICHELLE SHOWED ONLY LOVE AS HER HUBBY WRAPPED UP HIS THREE DAY IOWA BUS TOUR.

THIS WAS THEIR FIRST JOINT APPEARANCE IN THE CRITICAL BATTLEGROUND STATE SINCE OH-EIGHT.

THE FIRST LADY... WHO MANY SEE AS A CRITICAL ASSET TO HIS CAMPAIGN... HAS BEEN CRISSCROSSING THE COUNTRY LATELY ON HER HUBBY'S BEHALF. THE PREZ THANKED HIS WIFE AND THEN JOKED "IT'S TRUE I HAVE NOT SEEN HER IN FIVE DAYS... EXCEPT I DID CATCH THE END OF LENO."

YOU MAY FEEL A LITTLE SAFER ABOUT YOUR BEAUTY AND BABY PRODUCTS, thanks to JOHNSON AND JOHNSON!

AFTER YEARS OF PRESSURE FROM CONSUMERS AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR SAFE COSMETICS....J-and-J PLANS TO REMOVE TOXIC AND CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS FROM ITS ADULT TOILETRIES AND COSMETIC PRODUCTS. Reps say it'll happen by 2015, making it the first major consumer products company to make such a major commitment! J-and-J had already pledged to remove certain chemicals from its baby products by next year.

August 17th

WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT MOVIE RELEASES THIS WEEKEND!! AND I AM SO READY FOR THIS!!!

YES! "SPARKLE" IS OUT TODAY AND WE ALL KNOW THIS MOVIE HOLDS SPECIAL MEANING BECAUSE IT'S THE LAST FILM THE LATE WHITNEY HOUSTON STARRED IN!

ALSO OUT THIS WEEKEND, ARMED WITH SYLVESTER STALLONE AND BRUCE WILLIS JUST TO NAME A FEW, IS "EXPENDABLES 2." YES THE BAD BOYS OR MEN OR GRANDPAS OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM ARE BACK!

BAD NEWS FOR MARK ZUCKERBERG... AND THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SNATCHED UP THE FACE-BOOK SHARES... They have hit an all time new low. THE SHARES ENDED AT 19 DOLLARS AND 87 CENTS at yesterday's closing bell.

That's almost half the price of the initial public offer THREE MONTHS AGO.

Company insiders got their first chance to dump the stock because the first of many lock up periods expired.

In total, about 157 million shares were traded.

August 20th

EXPERTS BELIEVE THEY HAVE FINALLY SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMELIA EARHART.

AN EXPEDITION LED BY THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR HISTORIC AIRCRAFT RECOVERY HAS BEEN SEARCHING A DEBRIS FIELD IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE REMAINS OF EARHART'S LOCKHEED ELECTRA AIRCRAFT.

THIS PICTURE shows WHAT MANY BELIEVE TO BE THE PLANE'S LANDING GEAR. THE THEORY NOW IS THAT AMELIA AND HER NAVIGATOR, LANDED ON A

NEARBY ISLAND AND were STRANDED when THE PLANE WASHED OUT TO SEA.

EVERY YEAR, WOMEN SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON BEAUTY PRODUCTS. IF YOU ADD TRIPS TO BEAUTY SALONS... WE could EASILY SPEND MORE THAN 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS OVER A DECADE. so, today we're showing you how you can look hot and keep your money where it belongs... in your wallet!

#1. YOU CAN USE STUFF STRAIGHT OUT OF THE FRIDGE

LEMON FOR FACIAL SCRUB

- LEMON JUICE

- OLIVE OIL

- SUGAR

#2. BABY OIL AS SHAVING CREAM

- SMOOTH, MOISTURIZING SHAVE FOR YOUR LEGS, ETC

- GREAT FOR SENSITIVE SKIN

- A LOT CHEAPER THAN BUYING A SEPARATE SHAVING CREAM

#3. RENT INSTEAD OF BUYING

- RENT THE RUNWAY DOT COM

- LENDING LUXURY DOT COM

- BAG BORROW OR STEAL DOT COM

August 21st

APPLE IS NOT ONLY THE MOST VALUABLE COMPANY IN THE WORLD... IT JUST BECAME THE MOST VALUABLE IN HISTORY!!!

It's MARKET VALUE HIT 623-BILLION BUCKS YESTERDAY... SURPASSING MICROSOFT'S 1999 RECORD. APPLE IS WORTH ALMOST *TWICE* AS MUCH AS THE runner up.... EXXON MOBIL! It's hard to believe apple ALMOST FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY 16 YEARS AGO?!

Like the late steve jobs said.... If you don't have passion for what you're doing, you "will" give up! So keep keepin' on!

She died peacefully in her sleep with a smile on her face....

that's how the manager of PHYLLIS DILLER, described her PASSing.

DILLER WAS probably best known for her CONTAGIOUS CACKLE AND CRAZY HAIR... BUT was the queen of comedy one-liners and self-deprecation! SHE WAS 95 YEARS OLD.

August 22nd

CONGRESSMAN TODD AKIN IS *STILL BACKPEDALING, DOing DAMAGE CONTROL AFTER HIS "LEGITIMATE RAPE" COMMENT.

THAT WAS AN ONLINE VIDEO JUST RELEASED BY HIS CAMP. and even though he's refusing to drop out of the SENATE RACE.... HE'S LOST BIG BUCKS IN HIS BID TO OUST HIS DEMOCRATIC rival.

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS STAY IN VEGAS...THAT IS UNLESS YOU'RE PRINCE HARRY!!

LOOK A HERE LOOK A HERE...YES...HOMEBOY GOT BUCK WILD AND NAKED

WHILE HANGING OUT IN VEGAS...ACCORDING TO TMZ THE CRAZYNESSE WENT DOWN AFTER HARRY AND HIS BOYS INVITED SOME CHICKS BACK TO HIS V-I-P SUITE TO PLAY A GAME OF STRIP POOL...
BY THE LOOKS OF THESE PICS WE CAN ASSUME WHO LOST NOW THE BIG QUESTION IS WHO THE HELL IS THAT WOMAN? AS FOR WORD FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY...RIGHT NOW...NO COMMENT!!

August 23rd

THE MIDDLE CLASS in this country continues to dwindle!
New PEW numbers show that IN JUST TEN YEARS... THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME... DROPPED FROM about 73-THOUSAND... TO 69-POINT-5. MEDIAN NET WORTH... PLUMMETED FROM ABOUT 153-THOUSAND TO 93-THOUSAND. AND probably most shocking...
THE MIDDLE CLASS REPRESENTED 62 PERCENT OF THE INCOME IN THE U-S back in 1970.... AND THE UPPER CLASS 29-PERCENT. TODAY.... It's almost dead even. So much for that "trickle down" theory!

August 24th

Why pay for stuff when you can get it for free? Here's a quicky version of freebie friday for you!

- FREE BOOKS
- PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY
- FREE E-BOOKS
- YARD SALES
- 4-1-1 INFORMATION SERVICES
- CREDIT REPORT

Casey anthony is waking up a free woman this morning, more than a year after she was acquitted of her daughter, kaylee's murder.

The probation she got for the check fraud conviction ended at midnight. Anthony has spent most of her time during probation in hiding. One of her defense lawyers, cheney mason, said he doesn't think she will ever have a normal life again. No word on what her plans are for the future.

August 27th

TROPICAL STORM ISAAC HAS HIS EYES SET ON THE CRESCENT CITY.
Louisiana is under a state of emergency and evacuations in and around new orleans are underway! ISAAC is expected to HIT THERE WEDNESDAY, WHICH happens to be THE 7-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE KATRINA. Meanwhile, MISSISSIPPI.... ALABAMA.... AND FLORIDA are also under STATES OF EMERGENCY! TENS OF THOUSANDS of people in "so-flo" are still in the dark after taking a beating from isaac's outer bands.... And airlines are scrambling to get back on track after CANCELLING ABOUT 750 FLIGHTS.

What is better than sitting poolside somewhere and sipping a cocktail? Not much, so bust out the kiddie pool if you have to, and your blender because we've got some drinks to keep you cool!

PINA COLADA

MINTY PEACH COOLER

WHAT YOU NEED

- PEELED, DICED PEACHES
- MINT
- HONEY
- LIME JUICE
- LILLET BLANC
- CLUB SODA
- BLACKBERRY CAIPIRINHA

August 28th

THE REPUBLICANS ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO HAVING THEIR *OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

**TODAY... THE 22-HUNDRED PLUS DELEGATES WILL VOTE ON A PARTY PLATFORM. AND IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF THEIR KEY ELECTION ISSUES... THEY'VE INSTALLED 2 GINORMOUS DEBT CLOCKS.

We also want to draw your attention to the unprecedented recklessness of the Obama administration>

THE grand ole party officially kicks off tonight with SPEECHES FROM BIG WIGS ANN ROMNEY... AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER, NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE.

VACATION...HOLIDAY..MINI-BREAK...RELATION-TRIP..NO MATTER WHAT YOU CALL IT, GOING AWAY WITH SOMEONE YOU'RE DATING CAN BE A HUGE MILESTONE IN A RELATIONSHIP.

SO HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR FIRST VACAY AS A COUPLE

#1. DECIDE WHETHER YOU ARE READY FOR THE FIRST COUPLE'S TRIP

- DON'T MOVE TOO FAST
- MUST BUILD TRUST
- IF IT FEELS TOO SOON, PUT IT OFF

IF YOU'RE READY, PLAN YOUR TRIP CAREFULLY-

- LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!
- LENGTH
- WHAT TO DO

#3. PROCESS THE VACATION AFTER YOU RETURN HOME

August 29th

IF YOU'RE A BIG MANGO FAN... PAY ATTENTION.

THE SWEET FRUIT COULD BE TAINTED WITH SALMONELLA. MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HERE AND IN CANADA GOT SICK thanks to MANGOeS FROM MEXICO. So far, only a *VOLUNTARY RECALL OF DANIELLA BRAND MANGOES has been issued.

Hurricane Isaac will be making a late morning landfall in new orleans today... On the 7th anniversary of katrina... Which is stirring up emotions about a worse case scenario. I don't like myself... Reason when i'm ready.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS

Katrina: Category 3, maximum sustained winds near 125 mph.

Isaac: A Category 1 storm, maximum sustained winds near 80 mph

Katrina: a large storm with hurricane force winds extending outward up to 125 miles from its center.

Isaac: hurricane force winds extend outward only about 60 miles from its center.

STORM SURGE

Katrina: 15 to 20 feet

Isaac: expected to be 6 to 12 feet

EVACUATIONS

Katrina: Evacuation orders were issued for millions. Many did not heed the evacuation order and later had to be rescued from flooded homes.

Isaac: tens of thousands were told to evacuate. Some decided to leave, while others have decided to hunker down and ride out the relatively weaker storm.

August 30th

HERE'S A SCARY NUMBER FOR YOU: THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS THE NUMBER OF WEST NILE VIRUS CASES shot UP 40-PERCENT IN JUST ONE WEEK!

THERE ARE NEARLY 16-HUNDRED REPORTED CASES across the country... AND 66 PEOPLE HAVE DIED. TEXAS IS THE HOT BED OF WEST NILE ACTIVITY with 738 REPORTED CASES and 31 DEATHS. AND EXPERTS SAY THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. THEY THINK SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WILL BE THE PEAK MONTHS.

We've been talking fall fever all morning and in honor of that we are delving in a little early with a starbucks pumpkin spiced latte. It's kind of a tradition to welcome fall in. As it turns out, the starbucks here by the studio are already making them.... But if you don't want to go out to get one, here's a d-i-y recipe for home.

Here's what you will need

milk, canned pumpkin or pumpkin spice syrup, sugar, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice, and espresso or coffee.

You put the milk, pumpkin and sugar in a pan and heat on medium. Then you stir in the vanilla and spice and throw it in a blender until its foamy. If you don't have a blender you can whisk it. Then you pour it in a mug and pour the coffee on top!

We have the entire recipe and instructions on our website, the d-b-z dot com

August 31st

IF YOU'RE HITTING THE ROAD THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND GET READY TO SHELL OUT MORE AT THE PUMP.... Shocking! ISAAC HAS FORCED 93-PERCENT OF OIL PRODUCTION IN THE GULF OF MEXICO TO COME TO A SCREECHING HALT. And TEMPORARILY CLOSED FIVE GASOLINE REFINERIES IN THE GULF. SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT GAS PRICES ARE NOW hovering around \$3.80 PER GALLON.

September 3rd

Here's some good news, you should start seeing some relief at the pump!

NOW THAT THE TRAVEL SEASON IS OVER, PRICES WILL COME DOWN ABOUT 20

CENTS A GALLON OVER THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. ALSO... SINCE THE DAMAGES FROM HURRICANE ISAAC WERE NOT TOO SEVERE, GULF COAST REFINERIES CAN GET BACK TO WORK QUICKLY.

September 4th

THE PREZ HAS A LOT ON HIS PLATE between DEALING WITH ISAAC'S AFTERMATH AND BURNING UP THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL. BUT STARTING TONIGHT... ALL EYES ARE ON THE PRIZE... AS THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION KICKS OFF IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. BUT tonight, he'll BE ON DADDY DUTY BACK IN D-C... AS MICHELLE TAKES THE STAGE FOR HER BIG SPEECH. THE FIRST LADY SAID SHE HOPES THE GIRLS WILL WATCH... BUT UNDERSTANDS IF THEY HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO INSTEAD.

A RAGING WILDFIRE NORTHEAST OF LOS ANGELES HAS NOW GROWN TO MORE THAN 41-HUNDRED ACRES AND FIREFIGHTERS ARE REQUESTING MORE HELP TO BATTLE THE BLAZE.

The blaze SPOILED LABOR DAY weekend for THOUSANDS OF VISITORS TO THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST... AS CAMPERS AND HIKERS... PLUS DOZENS OF RESIDENTS WERE EVACUATED. THE CAMPGROUNDS TYPICALLY ATTRACT ABOUT 12-THOUSAND VISITORS DURING HOLIDAY WEEKENDS.GOOD NEWS... THE FIRE IS BURNING DEEPER IN TO WILDERNESS AREAS AND AWAY FROM ANY STRUCTURES.

September 5th

It's confirmed. Apple will have an event on September 12th and there is wide speculation they will show the new I-PHONE 5.

APPLE SENT OUT INVITATIONS yesterday TO ITS LATEST EVENT.

Rumors have been swirling for months as to what the new i-phone will have and TECH EXPERTS agree, you can EXPECT A LARGER SCREEN.Don't hold your breath for a new i-pad though.You won't likely see that until october.

September 6th

Bill clinton will be a TOUGH ACT for PRESIDENT obama TO FOLLOW!

"IF YOU WANT A WINNER TAKE ALL, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN SOCIETY, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN TICKET. BUT IF YOU WANT A COUNTRY OF SHARED OPPORTUNITY AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY THEN YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR BARACK OBAMA AND JOE BIDEN."

FORMER PREZ BILL CLINTON FIRED UP THE D-N-C LAST NIGHT. HE reportedly WROTE HIS SPEECH LAST MINUTE AND AD-LIBBED A LARGE CHUNK OF IT...

Going 20 minutes longer than "allotted." HE ATTACKED THE G-O-P FOR QUOTE, ""THE SAME OLD POLICIES THAT GOT AMERICA INTO TROUBLE".... and touted obama's stance on the auto industry, health-care and women's rights! Obama will close the show tonight!

LET'S FACE IT. MONEY CAN BE TIGHT FOR EVERYONE THESE DAYS.BUT WHILE JUGGLING FAMILY AND OTHER THINGS, YOU CAN'T SEEM TO FIND TIME TO MAKE MONEY. SO TODAY WE'RE SHOWING YOU SOME PART-TIME JOBS WITH

FULL-TIME PAY.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT
VETERINARIAN: \$46,700
ACUPUNCTURIST: \$44,200
PHYSICAL THERAPIST: \$40,800

September 7th

IN LIFE, WE HIT SOME BUMPS IN THE ROAD. BUT WE'VE GOT TO BOUNCE BACK SOMEHOW. TODAY WE'RE SHARING SOME TIPS ON HOW TO GET YOUR MOJO BACK.

#1. LISTEN TO DESTINY'S CHILD. YOU NEED TO CHOOSE TO BE A SURVIVOR

#2. DON'T DO IT ALONE.

#3 OTHER TIPS ON HOW TO BOUNCE BACK.

- VIEW SETBACKS AS TEMPORARY

- STAY HEALTHY

- BE MORE FLEXIBLE

September 10th

An educational storm is brewing in the windy city!

For the first time in 25 years, Chicago public school teachers are striking!

29-thousand teachers and staffers will hit the picket line instead of the classroom this morning, leaving about 350-thousand students hanging.

The union sticking point, progression of longer school days over the next few years without appropriate compensation.

By the way, only about 60 percent of Chicago students graduate, compared to 75-percent nationally.

You might not be a list person, but when it comes to the grocery store, nothing is worse than forgetting the 1 thing you need to make dinner that night. So, today we are helping you out with some handy grocery list apps.

- OurGroceries

- BuyMeAPie

- Out Of Milk

September 11th

When life throws you an occasion you absolutely have to nail.... Getting dressed correctly is the first step to success. We're showing you the essentials for a job interview.

DRESS PROFESSIONALLY

keep it classy

carry a big bag

something personal

Just because the seasons are changing, doesn't mean your healthy habits have to as well. WE HAVE SOME OF SUMMER HEALTH HABITS THAT CAN HELP YOU TRANSITION RIGHT INTO AUTUMN.

#1. EAT HEALTHY BY STOCKING UP ON IN-SEASON PRODUCTS

FALL SUPERFOODS

- PUMPKINS

- APPLES

- BRUSSELS SPROUTS

BIKINI SEASON MAY BE OVER BUT DON'T FORGET TO KEEP WORKING OUT
MOVE MORE DURING THE DAY

OTHER HEALTHY HABITS

- STICK WITH SUNSCREEN

- WEAR SUNGLASSES

- PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITOES

September 12th

And health news is making national headlines this morning! APPARENTLY WE'VE BEEN swallowing those NASTY TASTING FISH OIL PILLS FOR NO REASON! A JUST-RELEASED STUDY finds the SUPPLEMENTs MAY *NOT* DECREASE YOUR RISK OF HEART ATTACK... STROKE... OR PREMATURE DEATH. IN OTHER WORDS... You're better off eating the fish, not popping the pill.

When you are at work and the mid-afternoon hunger sets in, it's easy to hit the vending machine for a quick snack. However, some choices are better than others, so before you hit b-3 listen up.

Skip the chips

Go for triscuits instead.

Skip the skittles

Go for trail mix instead

Skip the honey bun.

Forget it, just stand there and stare at it.

September 13th

THIS MORNING, NERDS ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARE DOING THIS.
AND THAT'S BECAUSE APPLE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF THE IPHONE-FIVE.

so what's new?....Well, it HAS A BIGGER but THINNER SCREEN, AND is SPEEDIER THAN ITS PRED_eCESSORS. IT HITS STORES ON SEPTEMBER 21ST AND WILL SELL FOR THE SAME PRICE AS THE OLDER MODELS, STARTING AT 199... "but" old iphone users will have to buy an adapter!

IF YOU'RE CRANKY BECAUSE THE WEEKEND IS NOT HERE YET, we've got some naTURAL WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR MOOD WITHOUT popping pills.

STICK TO REAL, WHOLE FOODS

PASS ON THE COFFEE

DON'T FORGET YOUR BREAKFAST

September 14th

Operation "pump up the economy" starts today!

The federal reserve unveiled its new 40-billion dollar stimulus plan to boost the employment rate and housing market! Here's the deal... It will....

IT WILL BUY 40-BILLION DOLLARS IN MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES "each"

MONTH.... to help CUT BORROWING COSTS FOR HOME BUYERS and potentially push mortgage rates even lower. IT ALSO PLEDGED TO KEEP the "federal funds" interest RATES NEAR ZERO UNTIL AT LEAST 20-15. And on that news yesterday.... Stocks surged to their highest level since late 2007.

September 17th

WHEN YOU ARE dining OUT, it's easy to go with the side of fries, but there are other things you can order that will help keep your waist line in check.

ROASTED POTATOES

SEARED TUNA

- SOUP

- BROCCOLI

- BLACK BEANS

TODAY IS THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT... But "new york city" won't be the only CITY CELEBRATING! MARCHES AND birthday bashes are EXPECTED IN MORE THAN 30 CITIES.... AROUND THE WORLD! But the party did start early in the "occupiers hometown"....AT LEAST A DOZEN PEOPLE OBSERVING THE ANNIVERSARY WERE ARRESTED IN n-y-c OVER THE WEEKEND... MOSTLY for DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

September 18th

WE KNOW DRINKING WATER IS IMPORTANT. BUT HOW IMPORTANT? IT TURNS OUT -- WATER SERVES MANY DIFFERENT PURPOSES OTHER THAN JUST HYDRATING YOUR BODY. WATER BOOSTS METABOLISM -- WHICH MEANS IT COULD HELP WITH YOUR WAISTLINE. WATER ALSO PREVENT HEADACHES. OTHER BENEFITS OF WATER:

WATER BOOSTS BRAINPOWER

WATER MAKES YOU RICH

WATER KEEPS YOU ALERT

TEACHERS IN CHI-TOWN are scheduled to READ OVER DETAILS OF A TENTATIVE CONTRACT THIS MORNING then VOTE this afternoon ON WHETHER TO END THE TEACHERS STRIKE!

That could stop the courts from jumping in....MAYOR RAHM EMMANUEL'S requested a court injunction to end THE 7-DAY STRIKE, BUT A JUDGE SAID HE WOULDN'T HEAR ARGUMENTS UNTIL AT LEAST TOMORROW. But PARENTS are getting impatient.

"These kids are missing out on educational classroom time.// We are collateral damage right here. And it's time to get back in the classroom" THE UNIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 3 pm "central time" FOR THAT VOTE.

September 19th

It's back to school they go this morning in CHICAGO!

THE TEACHERS UNION "AGREED" last night to suspend the strike until the final vote is taken. Teachers got.... a 7-percent increase in base salary over the next 3 years and successfully warded off controversial "merit pay" and evaluations. Parents are happy but say the public schools have a long way to go! Parents and community organizers are

planning a march in washington d-c to rally for more support!

WANT TO KICK YOUR CLOTHING UP A NOTCH WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK?
WE'VE GOT SOME DO IT YOURSELF FASHION TIPS FOR YOU.

*NEON TIPPED SHOES

*choose how much of the shoe you want to paint and mark it off with masking tape.

*if your shoes are dark, paint the selected area white first

*Wait until the white paint dries and paint over it with your neon paint.

*apply a coat of outdoor glass sealer for that shiny look

*finally remove the tape

*DIY ELBOW PATCHES. HERE'S HOW TO MAKE IT...

*Mark your leather or suede patch placement on a sweater with pins or a sewing pencil

*Smear fabric glue on the patch, let it dry, and pin it down

*then sew in a circle around the edge of your patch down

*then look at your final product

September 20th

Get ready to raise the roof y'all..... The money pit HOUSING MARKET is showing signs of recovery! (*show crew raising roof*)

HOME SALES AND CONSTRUCTION have JUMPED TO THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS IN MORE THAN TWO YEARS. That combo should HELP THE ECONOMY IN TWO WAYS. RISING PRICES COULD REASSURE BUYERS THAT IT'S NO LONGER SILLY TO BUY A HOME. AND MORE NEW-HOME CONSTRUCTION... MEANS MORE JOBS!

September 21st

A new war on cancer is declared....

HOUSTON'S M-D ANDERSON... THE NATION'S LARGEST CANCER CENTER... IS MOUNTING A MASSIVE, 3 BILLION, 10-YEAR WAR ON EIGHT SPECIFIC FORMS OF CANCER.

it's DUBBED THE "MOON SHOTS PROGRAM" because the effort is SIMILAR TO NASA'S ALL-OUT EFFORT IN THE 60S TO LAND AN ASTRONAUT ON THE MOON. THE CANCERS BEING TARGETED ARE the DEADLIEST FORMS OF BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER ALONG WITH LUNG, PROSTATE, MELANOMA, AND LEUKEMIA. 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE ARE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER EVERY YEAR.

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON GETTING HITCHED SOON HERE'S SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE YOU LOOK GREAT!

YEP BOOZE! BUT I'M NOT TALKING BEER GOGGLES. YOU CAN USE THE HARD STUFF TO MIX SOME D-I-Y BEAUTY TREATMENTS.

*Margarita body mask

*Beer makes your hair shiny and strong

*Make a face mask out of red wine

September 24th

You can be the smartest guy on your block, but you won't be truly successful until other people know what you have to offer.

THERE ARE WAYS TO EXUDE SUCCESS AND CONFIDENCE WITHOUT

OBNOXIOUSLY BRAGGING...

DRESS WELL

HAVE GOOD MANNERS

Say "please" and "thank you"

Look people in the eye when you talk to them

Don't interrupt others

Have proper table etiquette

OTHER WAYS TO EXUDE SUCCESS

Keep A Network Of Contacts

Have A Positive Attitude

BE WORLDLY

September 25th

Listen up PEANUT BUTTER LOVERS... A recall at TRADER JOES is "spreading."

SUNLAND INC... WHICH MANUFACTURES AND PACKAGES TRADER JOE'S PRODUCTS, IS now RECALLING 76 TYPES OF P-B AND ALMOND BUTTER BECAUSE OF A SALMONELLA OUTBREAK. THE F-D-A AND C-D-C SAID 29 PEOPLE IN 18 STATES GOT SICK FROM TRADER JOE'S CREAMY SALTED VALENCIA PEANUT BUTTER, but the recall was extended to cover all the bases. for specifics, LOG ON TO THE D-B-Z DOT COM.

September 26th

MORE GOOD NEWS FOR THE REAL ESTATE MARKET-- HOME PRICES ARE BOUNCING BACK.

AVERAGE HOME PRICES REBOUNDED 1-POINT-6 PERCENT IN JULY. AND NOW THE PRICES ARE BACK ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THEY WERE 9 YEARS AGO. HOME PRICES IN major markets HAVE increased FOR THREE STRAIGHT MONTHS now, REACHING THE HIGHEST LEVEL prices have been IN TWO YEARS.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY A TON TO HAVE A PEARLY WHITE SMILE. here's SOME QUICK ways to INSTANTLY WHITEN YOUR TEETH.

LADIES - USE BRONZER

GENTLEMEN - TRY SPRAY-TAN

AND HERE'S ONE FOR LADIES -- WEAR RED LIPSTICK. MEN CAN TRY IT TO IF THEY'D LIKE.

OTHER TIPS TO INSTANTLY POP YOUR WHITE SMILE

Swig a Shot of Vodka

Chew Crunchy Fruits and Veggies

Strawberries

September 27th

NFL REACHES DEAL WITH REFS. Many are calling this a "good call."

A deal to put pro referees back on the pro football field was struck at the stroke of midnight! It comes after two days of marathon negotiations... and backlash from p-oed coaches, players, and fans. the tentative eight-year deal must now be ratified by 51 percent of the union's 121 members.

the old refs will be back on the field tonight for Cleveland at Baltimore.

September 28th

Facebook Cracks Down on Fake Friends. As you wake up this morning and check Facebook for the first of 10,000 times today, you may notice you have less friends. That's because Facebook is purging fake accounts and "likes" as part of its improvement project. Most of these Facebook "fakes" come from malware and by users deceived into "liking" something they may not have intended to. So don't worry you're still popular!